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(2) U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/421,279, Confirmation No. 3900, entitled "SMART CARD SYSTEM AND METHODS FOR PROVING DATES IN DIGITAL DATA FILES," filed October 20, 1999; and

(3) U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/609,645, entitled "SYSTEM AND METHODS FOR PROVING DATES IN DIGITAL IMAGING FILES," filed July 3, 2000.

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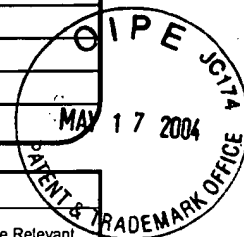
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